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SUBJECT:NASA FLIGHTS IN SUPPORT OF CIAP AND PROJECT
AIRSTREAM
REF: (A) STATE 201888, (B) OTTAWA 3132

1. AS PART OF CONTINUING SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S CLIMATIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (CIAP) AND ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY'S PROJECT AIRSTREAM (SEE REFTELS) NASA PLANS SERIES OF FLIGHT MISSIONS FROM ELMENDORF LATE APRIL. PURPOSE TO DETERMINE LEVEL OF BACKGROUND RADIATION AND ATMOSPHERIC CONSTITUENTS AND CONTAMINATES AT VARIOUS LEVELS OF UPPER ATMOSPHERE. PROGRAMS UNCLASSIFIED AND RESULTS ARE PUBLISHED IN SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS AND DISSEMINATED WORLD WIDE.

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2. AIRCRAFT IS USAF OWNED WB-57F CARRYING NASA TAIL

STRIPE. CALL NUMBER NASA 928.

3. INSTRUMENTATION ON BOARD INCLUDES NITROUS OXIDE DETECTOR, OZONE MONITOR, INFRARED SPECTROMETER, PARTICULATE SAMPLER, TRITIUM DETECTOR, UV SPECTROPHOTOMETER, AND AITKEN NUCLEI DETECTOR.

4. AIRCRAFT IS NOT REPEAT NOT CONFIGURED WITH CAMERAS OR OTHER DOWNWARD LOOKING SENSORS.

5. PLANS ARE FOR AIRCRAFT TO STAGE FROM ELMENDORF AFB BEGINNING O/A APRIL 25 FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF SIMILAR MISSION BEING CONDUCTED NOW FROM HOWARD AFB, CZ.

6. AIRCRAFT WILL BE OPERATED AND MAINTAINED BY NASA CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES. MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL AND 10 CIAP SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT PERSONNEL WILL ACCOMPANY AIRCRAFT TO ELMENDORF ON ERDA C-54 TRANSPORT.

7. FIVE RETURN FLIGHTS WILL BE FLOWN OUT OF ELMENDORF OVER WESTERN CANADA APRIL 25 - MAY 1 IN TRACK APPROXIMATELY GREAT CIRCLE COURSES BETWEEN GREAT FALLS, MONTANA AND ANCHORAGE, ALASKA. FLIGHT ALTITUDE 40,000 TO 63,000 FEET.

8. PILOT WILL OF COURSE FILE INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT PLAN.

9. REQUEST EMBASSY SECURE APPROPRIATE CLEARANCES PLUS OR MINUS 72 HOURS.

10. FYI NASA PREPARED FORWARD DATA TO MEA IF DESIRED (SEE REF B). DATA IS HOWEVER ALREADY RECEIVED BY 16 CANADIAN ADDRESSEES INCLUDING GOVERNMENT. NASA WOULD APPRECIATE BLANKET CLEARANCES FOR THIS PROJECT, IF EMBASSY BELIEVES IT POSSIBLE. THEY WILL BE CONDUCTING THREE - FOUR FLIGHTS PER YEAR. END FYI. KISSINGER

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